



Fairfax Parks & Recreation Department

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Fireworks Display Proposal for 4th of July 2020

Goal

Establish a plan that allows community members to view fireworks displays from their vehicles (drive-in movie theater concept) and homes while adhering to COVID-19 guidelines.

Partnership

It will require community collaboration from multiple entities in order to achieve this goal.

For the fireworks display in the Town of Fairfax entities include but are not limited to *Northstar Fireworks, the Town of Fairfax, BFA Fairfax, Fairfax Fire Department, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, and Fairfax Rescue.*

Background

Previously, the Town of Fairfax fireworks occurred at the Fairfax Community Park and drew approximately 300 cars, and just under 2,000 people. As we could not find a satisfactory way to enable and proper physical distancing on the recreational fields, we have developed a plan to decentralize our celebration to prioritize the health and safety of all attendees.

Northstar will still be launching fireworks from the Community Park as the launch site provides visibility of the fireworks for a significant portion of our village.

The park will be closed to all spectators, however, for spectators who do not have a view from home we will be operating two official parking locations for viewing from cars.

Parking

The two parking lots used will be parked to 50% of capacity. We anticipate spectators being able to view the show from the parking lot at BFA Fairfax and the fields at J&L Hardware.

- Parking lots would be cleared out at 6pm and coned off to deter early arrivals and possible tailgating.
- Entrance to lots would be guarded during this time.

- We will assess additional lighting needs in the area and work with the local fire department on the best location for cars to line-up prior to granting them access to the parking lots.
- We will utilize traffic signs to communicate guidelines to attendees as they enter the parking areas.
- Open lots at 8pm.
 - Use a similar message utilized with outdoor recreation: Park. Watch. Leave.
 - Guests would be encouraged to attend with members from their household, and encouraged to stay at home if they are within the viewable area for the fireworks.
 - Guests will follow parking attendants (Fire Department members and volunteers) to their parking spot. This will facilitate the adherence to the physically distanced parking guidelines.
 - Cars would be parked every other car (leaving a cars width apart from another vehicle) with cones placed in every other spot before parking begins.
 - In single rows only (no bumper to bumper parking)

Parking Capacity

	100% capacity	50% capacity
BFA Fairfax	208	104
J&L Fields	175	87
TOTAL	383	191

Event Policies

Some of the measures we are asking our attendees to take include:

- Not attending the fireworks display unless you are a Vermont resident or have self-quarantined for a minimum of 14 days per update 12 of the Be Smart, Stay Safe Order.
- We will be encouraging residents living within the viewable area to stay home to watch the event rather than taking their car to a parking area.
- Staying home if you are displaying signs of respiratory illness or have a fever.
- Complying with physical distance guidelines and remaining at least 6 feet apart from others unless you arrived in the same vehicle together with members of your household.
- Following our suggestion to wear a cloth face covering when indoors or in the presence of others.
- We encourage guests to watch the display from their car. If your car allows, clear out your trunk pack some extra blankets and enjoy the show from there. They must remain within touching distance of their car.

- The event will also be livestreamed for those who are homebound or who do not wish to leave their house.
- We encourage guests to bring activities that can occupy their time while they wait in their car for the show to start if they do not wish to watch the live stream of music while they wait.
 - Local bands will be broadcast via a live multi-camera stream from inside the park, the stream will also include the fireworks display at its conclusion.
- Attendees will not be permitted to have cookouts, pop-up tents, play catch, corn-hole frisbee, etc. With the Arrive, Watch, Leave policy attendees are not permitted to tailgate in any way.
- We encourage attendees to bring their own snacks since Food and Beverage will not be available for sale.
 - Whatever you pack-in please pack-out. Garbage cans will not be available.
- Please leave the sparklers and pets at home.
- We encourage attendees to use the restroom prior to arrival - restrooms will not be made available for this event.
- This is a free event and advance registration is not needed. If we find that we are over capacity of our parking lots guests will be turned away.

Event Staff and Volunteers

Parking areas will be staffed by members of the Fairfax Fire Department, Deputies from the Franklin County Sheriff's office, and community volunteers.

The town Recreation Department will be the main point of contact for the event.

- As event organizers we will
 - Provide employees and volunteers with VOSHA training related to COVID-19.
 - Asking all employees and volunteers to complete a daily health assessment and temperature check and to stay home if they are presenting COVID-19 symptoms.
 - Implementing physical distancing measures in queue lines and other similar areas.
 - Reserve the right to limit the number of guests/participants in any designated area as needed.
 - Employees and volunteers must wear a face covering in the presence of others.

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